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SUBJ: GIEREK VISIT TO MOSCOW

REF: WARSAW 8112 AND PREVIOUS

1. SOVIET POLITICAL COUNSELOR VITALI PATOLICHEV TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON NOVEMBER 11 THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF GIEREK'S CURRENT VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION WAS MOSCOW'S OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLURALISM OF THE POLISH POLITICAL SYSTEM (WARSAW 8063). PATOLICHEV, COMMENTING ON THE BROAD REPRESENTATIONAL COMPOSITION OF THE GIEREK DELEGATION, SAID MOSCOW WAS TAKING A "NEW, REALISTIC APPROACH" IN DEALING WITH "SOCIALIST" REGIMES
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WHICH DO NOT ALWAYS FIT THE SOVIET MODEL.

2. PATOLICHEV SAID THAT THE GIEREK VISIT WAS RECEIVING HEAVY PUBLICITY IN MOSCOW IN HOPES OF CONVINCING THE POLISH PEOPLE THAT THE SOVIETS ARE BEING "OPEN-MINDED" IN THEIR APPROACH TO THE "POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC" SITUATION IN POLAND. HE HOPED THIS "NEW REALISM" WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS WELL. ASKED IF THIS MESSAGE ALSO WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF CHINA, PATOLICHEV COMMENTED ONLY, "PERHAPS ALL OF US CAN LEARN FROM IT."

3. PATOLICHEV SAID THAT LITTLE IN THE WAY OF ECONOMIC AID HAD BEEN DISCUSSED DURING THE GIEREK VISIT. THE SOVIET ECONOMIC-AID PACKAGE HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WELL BEFORE THE FIRST SECRETARY ARRIVED IN MOSCOW. PATOLICHEV, WHO CLAIMED IGNORANCE OF ECONOMIC SPECIFICS, SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IT "WAS ALMOST EVERYTHING" THE POLES NEEDED TO TIDE THEM OVER UNTIL THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES ARE RESOLVED, WHICH, HE ADDED, SHOULD BE IN THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF.

4. SOVIET SECOND SECRETARY FRYDERYK LOGINOV, A POLITICAL OFFICER, ECHOED PATOLICHEV'S VIEWS THAT THE POLISH ECONOMY WOULD BE WORKING SMOOTHLY WITHIN A MAXIMUM OF TWO YEARS. LOGINOV SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN "ADJUSTMENTS" MADE IN THE SOVIET-POLISH COAL AND OIL EXCHANGES, BUT HE DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS. LOGINOV DID SAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPLY POLAND, AT LEAST FOR THE NEXT YEAR, WITH CRUDE OIL AT \$45 A TON DESPITE POSSIBLE WORLD-MARKET PRICE INCREASES. HE SAID MOSCOW WAS WILLING TO IGNORE THE CEMA SLIDING-SCALE PROGRAM FOR OIL IF THIS WAS NECESSARY. MOSCOW ALSO HAS NO INTENTION OF UPPING ITS OIL PRICES FOR ANY OTHER EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HE ADDED.

5. SOVIET PRESS COUNSELOR STANISLAV KORSHUNOV ADDED THAT THE WEST WAS ATTACHING TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO REPORTS OF POLITICAL UNREST IN POLAND. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT ONLY 25 OR 30 PERCENT OF THE POLES CAN BE CONSIDERED "ACTIVELY UNHAPPY" WITH THE REGIME. "WE DO NOT BELIEVE," HE COMMENTED, "THAT THIS IS ENOUGH OF A PERCENTAGE TO CAUSE SERIOUS TROUBLE."

6. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE DOCUMENT SIGNED BY BREZHNEV AND
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GIEREK ON NOVEMBER 10 WILL BE PUBLISHED AT THE END OF GIEREK'S VISIT.
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